

Nutcracker Parent Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2018

1. Reminders from Ana Claire – Wrenn Combs

- It is a privilege to be in a production.
- It is **imperative** that your child/children attend all rehearsals.
- If any student misses more than one **rehearsal** she/he may be dismissed from the cast, especially if it is a double cast role.
- It is essential that dancers be on time to rehearsals!
- Double Cast Students – Cast A or B (2 shows at Macky & 1 in Longmont). Students will find out which cast they are in after the first rehearsal.
- Student cast assignments are posted on our website.
- Be sure to check the rehearsal schedule on Thursday every week to know whether there are changes. Parents and students will *not* get emails when there are updates to the schedule, so you will want to make it a habit to look for yourselves.
- Impt. change in rehearsal schedule for Oct. 6-Oct. 27, - new times are 12:00-12:30 Child Clara and Drosselmeyer 12:30-1:00 Cookies
- **Mention etiquette here....**

2. Performance Fee – Wrenn Combs

- Cost is \$150 per student; no credit cards please. Make checks out to Boulder Ballet.
- Your payment is due now. If you have not turned that in yet, please do so today or next week without fail! Please include your child's name in the memo on your check.

3. Boulder Ballet Nutcracker Tickets – Shelley Sampson from Boulder Philharmonic

- Corps de ballet family discounted tickets will be sold only to families with students in the Nutcracker 2018 cast and only for the Boulder performances.
- Discounted tickets will be available September 10 through October 10.
- Discount is 30% off any ticket purchased during the dates stated above.
- Tickets must be purchased through the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's Box Office. Please call Shelley at 303-449-1343 Monday – Friday from 11AM – 4PM. If you get the answering machine, please leave a brief message with your name and contact information only; Shelley will get back to you as soon as she possibly can. Her email is ssampson@boulderphil.org.

4. Nutcracker School Sales – Mihail Codrescu

- Ticket sales through schools will run from Oct. 1– Nov. 5 only. All sales generated should be turned in to Beth at the Boulder Ballet office.
- For parents interested in being the point person for ticket sales at your children's school(s), please contact Mihail at mihail1@aim.com or Mihail.Codrescu@gmail.com. Be sure to include your phone number.
- After you have emailed Mihail and signed up, you will talk to the school's PTO about the opportunity for the school to receive 20% of the ticket sales generated by this promotion of dance and music. Mihail can

help you with the details of your presentation to the PTO.

- Start the process of getting approval from the PTO as soon as you can so you have more time for families to buy tickets, increasing the benefit to the school.
- Information about last year's sales will be included in this year's program.
- *Note from Mihail:* Parents who signed up for the promotion should already have gotten confirmation from Mihail. If you did not see it, please check your junk folder for an email from mihail1@aim.com or Mihail.Codrescu@gmail.com.
- Please make sure that all parents have their tickets no later than Nov. 12. If they haven't picked up their tickets, by the end of the school day (before school closed for break), please plan to bring tickets to Shelley.

5. Performances (check the tickets page of our website for directions) – Wrenn Combs

- Boulder – Macky dress rehearsals: Cast A on Tues., Nov. 20 (Cast B will sit in audience to note spacing, stage directions, and any changes that may occur) and Cast B on Wed., Nov. 21 (Cast A will sit in audience to note spacing, stage directions, and any changes that may occur.)
- Boulder – Macky Auditorium (4 performances): Cast A will perform Fri., Nov. 23 at 2:00pm, and Sat., Nov. 24 at 2:00pm; Cast B will perform Sat., Nov. 24 at 7:00pm, and Sun., Nov 25 at 2:00pm.
- Longmont – Vance Brand dress rehearsals: Cast B on Thurs., Nov. 29, (Cast A will sit in audience to note spacing, stage directions, and any changes that may occur) and Cast A on Fri., Nov. 30 (Cast B will sit in audience to note spacing, stage directions, and any changes that may occur)
- Longmont – Vance Brand Auditorium (2 performances): Cast B will perform Sat., Dec. 1, at 4:00pm; Cast A will perform Sun., Dec. 2, at 2:00pm.
- Nov. 21 is preview night – see notes below
- Gentle Nutcracker – Sat., Dec. 1, 1 pm – “Land of the Sweets” – 2nd act. Cast TBD.

You can find additional rehearsal and performance details on our website: <http://boulderballet.org/nutcracker-info/>

6. Costumes and Volunteering – Jennifer Saal Costume Assistant, volunteer coordinator

backstage/production support. If you need something backstage or in the dressing rooms, find Jennifer and she will help you or get your question to the person who can help. (This frees up Ana, Lance, and Amy to focus on the dancing/performance aspects of the show.)

Communications – Feel free to stop by the Costume Shop anytime the door is open or email us at costume@boulderballet.org

- Fitting Schedule** – We hope to begin fittings next weekend. We will do our best to avoid schedule conflicts but, we also need a commitment from you to have all dancers attend the designated fitting in order to provide the best results. Occasionally, we will need to have multiple fittings for a certain role.
- Sign Up Genius** – Each family is required to sign up for at least two positions in order to fulfill the contract we all signed during Nutcracker auditions.

- c. **Costume/Hair**- Boulder ballet provides the main costume for each role. Families will need to provide additional pieces. For example, pink ballet flats. This email will explain what each dancer needs to provide as well as hair placement.
- d. **Transition to Macky** – This email will discuss everything from where to park to how to pick up your child. It will also, have important information about expectations for your dancer.
- e. **Transition to Longmont**- Very similar to the Macky email.

Parent Expectations – Parents are *not* allowed in the dressing rooms. I know this maybe a little scary for first time Nutcracker families but, this is a wonderful experience for your children to grow as dancers and rely on their “Boulder Ballet” family for assistance.

Hair and makeup workshop – September 18th 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Amy and Becky will be in the costume shop to teach parents and dancers how to make the perfect bun or get stage ready for a performance.

Volunteer Opportunities for Nutcracker: In order to have a successful show, we need volunteers in the costume shop. We can use volunteers of all skill levels including people with no experience.

7. Volunteer Opportunities working at the boutique - Jaime Adams

- Selling guild merchandise at shows

8. Marketing – George Thomas

- Book readings - BN Loveland Sunday 11/4 at 1:00PM, Boulder Bookstore Saturday 11/10 at 10:30AM, BN Boulder Sunday 11/11 at 1:00PM. Both Barnes & Nobles book readings, are fundraising opportunities.
- Nutcracker Character Highlights: This year we are continuing the Meet the Nutcracker Cast podcasts as well as video clips, live streaming FaceBook group discussions and introducing a Meet the Nutcracker Cast Blog on the website. Please email me at george@boulderballet.org if your cast member is interested in taking part in any of these activities.
- Bookmarks & posters are being printed. As soon as they are available, please come to Beth’s office to pick up Nutcracker bookmarks to distribute wherever you like although posters are for hanging up at places that you frequent - NOT for bedroom walls, etc.
- Cast photo session will be scheduled.
- Access Nutcracker information on our website: <http://boulderballet.org/nutcracker-info>
- CO Gives Day is Dec. 4.

9. Apparel Sales -Jaime Adams

- New apparel forms are available – forms are in the ballet hall, in Beth’s office, and will be emailed out. DEADLINE to order merchandise is Sept. 23rd.
- Please make sure you fill out the order form completely. You can put form and check or cash in an envelope and give it to Beth or slide it under her door. Please write Apparel on envelope.
- Nutcracker 2018 t-shirt can be ordered with and without cast list on back - \$20 without/\$25 with
- Items will be available for pick-up in Beth’s office.
- Payments by check (made out to Boulder Ballet Guild) or cash only.
- Let us know if there are things you wish you could get from us.

- Nutcracker DVD sales – Beth Litz
Videos of Cast A and Cast B performances will be available to order on Nov. 26 at a cost of \$22 each.

11. Nutcracker Preview Night – Wed., Nov. 21 – Wrenn Combs

- ONE TICKET PER STUDENT DANCER
- Available for this Macky performance only.
- Tickets will be available for pick-up in the Boulder Ballet office starting Monday, Oct. 1.
- All tickets not picked up by Nov. 2 will be donated to community organizations that help our underserved population.
- 150 tickets will go to a Title 1 school and approximately 700 tickets will be going to various non-profits in Boulder County.
- No cameras or recording devices of any kind. They will be confiscated!
- Please remain seated during the performance. There will be one intermission.

12. Cast Party and Secret Snowflake – organized by the two Fritz cast parents – details tk

- After last show in Longmont on Sunday, Dec. 2. Clara moms have organized this in the past.
- Secret Snowflake – Fritz mom has been taking care of this the last couple of years.

13. Nutcracker Teas and Witches Brew Tea at the Hotel Boulderado – Wrenn Combs

NUTCRACKER TEA is a benefit for the Boulder Ballet. Mingle with costumed characters and enjoy the music of the Nutcracker Ballet. Dancers will be parading throughout the event, offering up-close and personal views of some of this year's cast of Boulder Ballet's "The Nutcracker." This year the dancers will have the opportunity for a small dance performance! \$12 of each ticket sale will be donated to the Boulder Ballet.

Dates for the Nutcracker Teas are Sunday, December 9 and Sunday, December 16

Call the Boulderado at 303-440-2880 for tickets. **HURRY! IT SELLS OUT FAST!**

Selected members of the Nutcracker cast will be asked to participate: Cast A on December 9, Cast B on December 16.

For more information on the teas, visit the Hotel Boulderado website:

Thank you all for your help and support! Together we can keep the Nutcracker a special and delightful holiday tradition.